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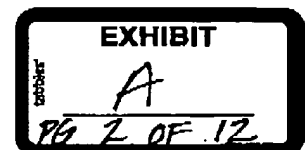
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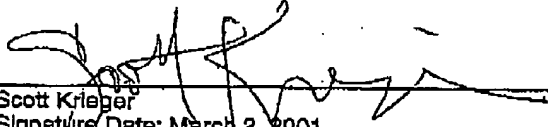
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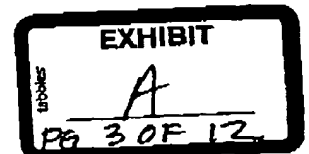
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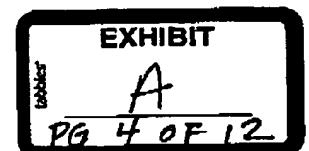
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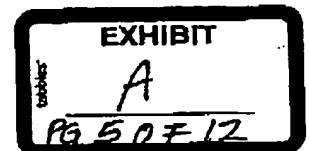
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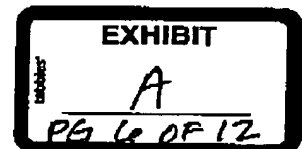
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**On Recovering from Non-responses within a TXOP assigned by
HC in a CFB in IEEE 802.11e**

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Prior Art Reference: Hybrid Coordination Function (HCF) Frame Exchange and NAV Details,
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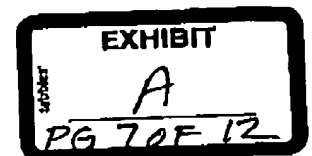
1. On slide #8 of the prior art reference, under "Recovery from Non-Responses", in the first bullet item, it has been stated:

If the addressed ESTA does not respond to RTS or QoS Data at SIFS, the TXOP holder may resume transmission at PIFS unless PHY reports CCA (busy).

The above does not specifically restrict transmitting to the recipient to whom the previous transmission has been made. As the next transmission is repeated within PIFS duration, the likelihood of a collision or a transmission failure is very high. Thus the recipient of the immediately previous (failed) transmission should be excluded from the list of possible recipients of the next transmission, should the TXOP holder decide to continue to use the given TXOP.

2. NAV setting:

If the TXOP holder does not resume transmission at PIFS, the TXOP terminates at DIFS (assuming CCA(idle)). If the HC allows the CFB to end, then the STAs would have a non-zero NAV. This will result in the channel not being used by any STA. The utilization of the channel can be improved upon by having the HC, if it desires to end a CFB, sending a CF-End frame (or any other appropriate control/management frame). This frame will signify the end of the CFB and all the STAs will reset their NAV to 0 and will be free to transmit under the usual rules of Contention Period/DCF.



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Hybrid Coordination Function (HCF) Frame Exchange and NAV Details

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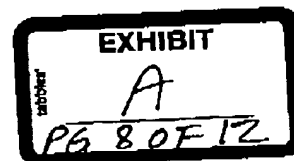
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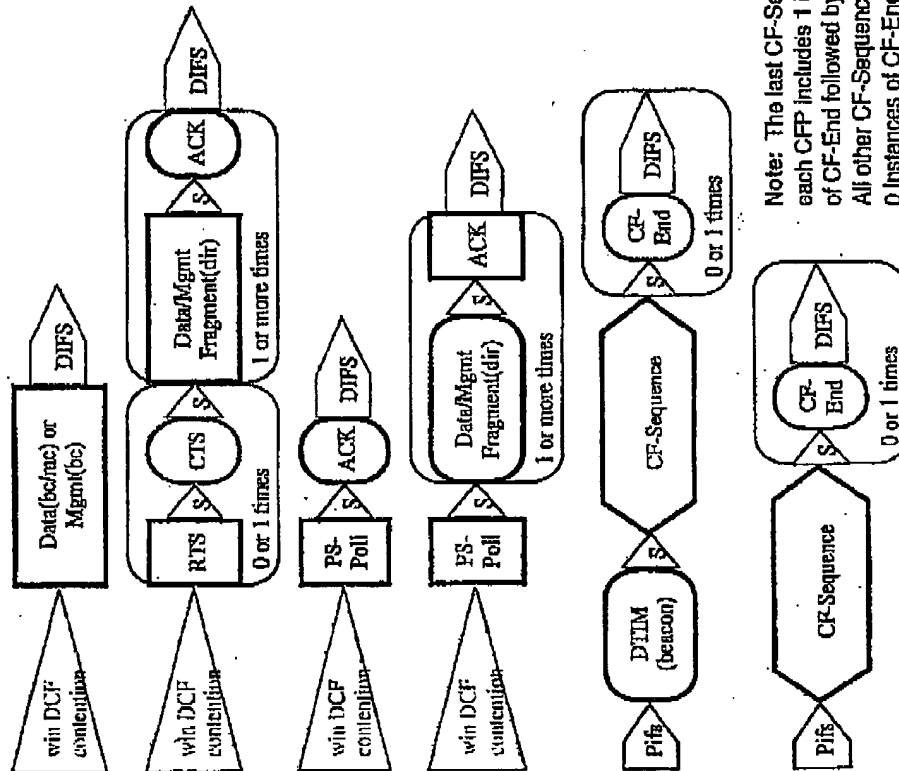


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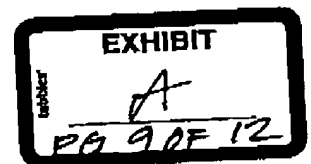
- To the right are the frame exchanges defined in Table 21 of 802.11-1999 illustrated using this symbology.



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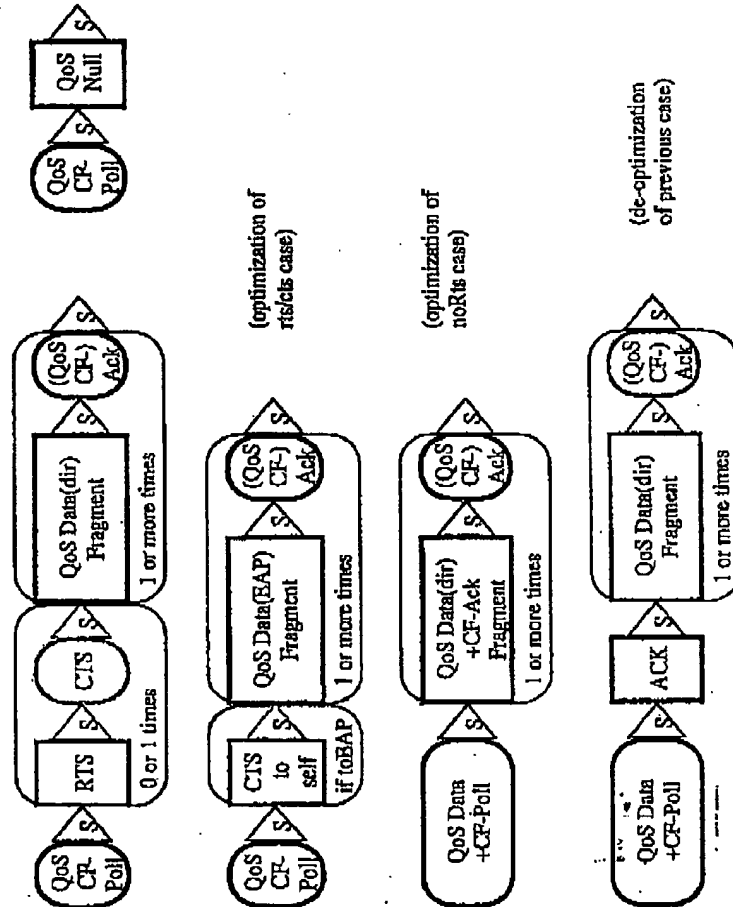
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Start of TXOP Details

- There is one null and one non-null case for the start of a polled TXOP.
- There are three possible optimizations/deoptimizations of the non-null case.

Start of TxOp:

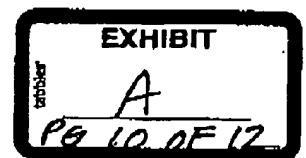
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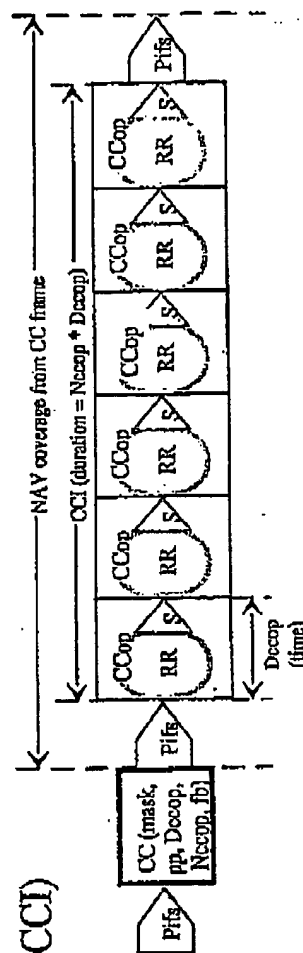
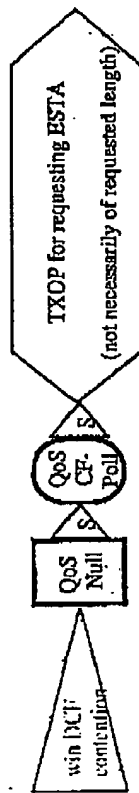


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TXOP Requests

- QoS Null with TS=1 can be used to activate or deactivate periodic polling under an admitted Tspec.
- QoS Null with TS=0 can be used to request an immediate TXOP longer than the current EDCF TXOP limit.
- CC defines a controlled contention interval (CCI) when WSTAs that need more bandwidth may send RR frames.



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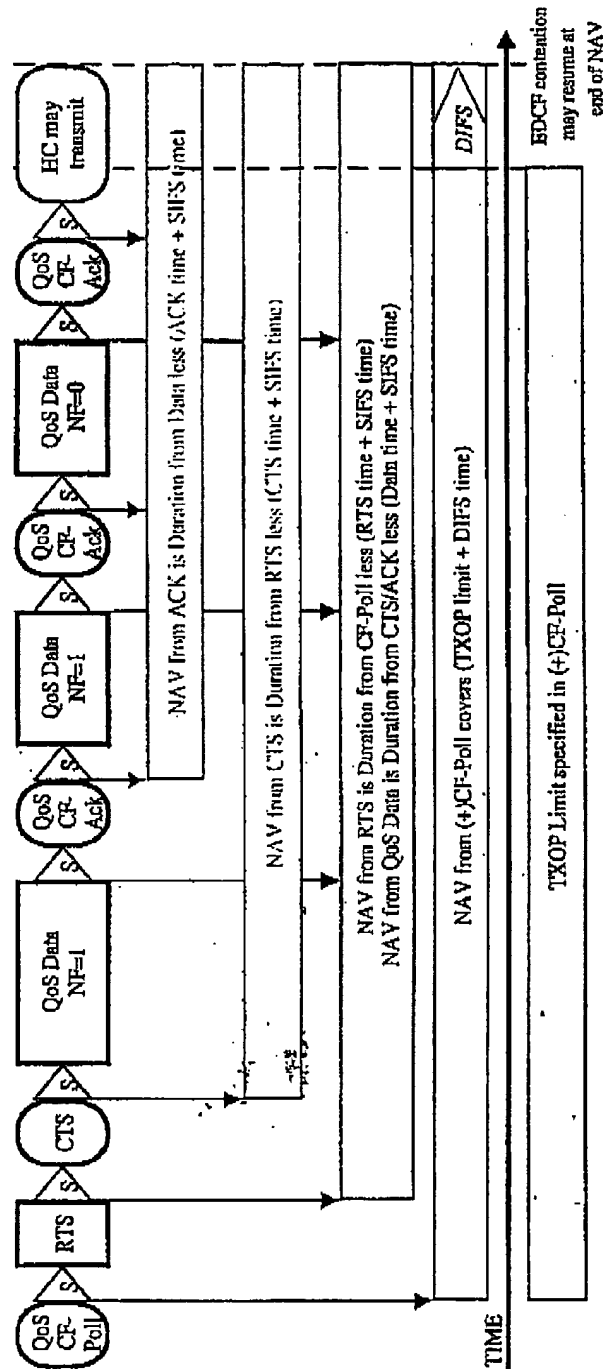
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NAV Usage During TXOP

- This diagram shows the periods covered by the NAV, based on Duration field values in the various frames of a TXOP during which the polled ESTA initiates several QoS Data frame exchanges.



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